










Vaccinate Before You Graduate (VBYG)

The Rhode Island Department of Health invites any seniors of the class of 2008 who have not received all of their needed vaccinations before going to college or joining the workforce to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated.

Vaccinate Before You Graduate is a **free** adolescent vaccination “catch-up” program for 12th grade students in Rhode Island schools. The program offers the opportunity for students to receive new vaccines and “catch-up” on vaccinations they may have missed. This is important because many vaccines are now required for employment and college entry.

We recommend that your child receive vaccinations from their primary care physician, in what is now called a “medical home setting.” However, if your adolescent needs vaccinations, we are happy to provide them.

High school graduates can receive the following vaccines free of charge:

-  Hepatitis B
-  Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
-  Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
-  Meningococcal (meningitis)
-  Polio
-  Varicella (chicken pox-second dose recommended)
-  Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV).

A parent or guardian must accompany students under age 18 (unless a parental consent was signed at a previous *Vaccinate Before You Graduate* event). Students must bring their immunization records, photo identification and insurance information.

Due to the high cost of vaccines we will be collecting insurance information from students in order to bill for the cost of the shot administration only. If a student does not have insurance or the insurance does not cover immunizations, there will be no charge. Under no circumstances will a student be asked to pay, and no student will be turned away for lack of insurance information.

If you have questions about *Vaccinate Before You Graduate*, contact Kathy Marceau at 401.222.4624 or kathy.marceau@health.ri.gov

To schedule an appointment, please call:

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